

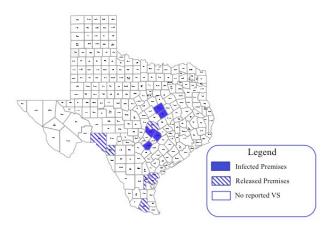
Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC)

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) in Texas Update

September 10, 2014

Since the September 3 update, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has received confirmation that no new cases of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) has been reported in Texas. One premises has been released in Travis County, 16 premises in Bastrop County, and all premises in Williamson County have been released.

To date, 58 premises in 12 Texas counties have been confirmed with VS. Currently affected counties include: Bastrop, Falls, Guadalupe, McLennan, Travis, and Williamson counties. Of the 58 premises, 43 have been released. Seven counties have been released from quarantine: Jim Wells, Kinney, Nueces, San Patricio, Val Verde, Williamson, and Hidalgo counties.



The newly identified infected premises are currently under quarantine by the TAHC. Affected horses will be monitored by regulatory veterinarians while under quarantine. Premises are eligible for quarantine release 21 days after all lesions have healed.

Case= A premises; a location

For VS history and past updates visit http://www.tahc.texas.gov/animal_health/equine/equine.html

Several states are imposing enhanced entry requirements on Texas livestock due to VS cases. For information, contact the state or country of destination and/or visit

http://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/2014StateRestrictionsOnTX_VS.pdf.

For more information about VS, visit the TAHC's brochure at http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_VS.pdf .

A USDA-APHIS VS fact sheet is available at

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For current USDA-APHIS VS situation reports visit

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_animal_health%2Fsa_animal_disease_information%2Fsa_equine_health%2Fsa_vesicular_stomatitis%2Fct_vesicular_stomatitis.